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Applicant : Kenneth R. Schmidt et al.

For : SHEET-TO-TUBE WELDED STRUCTURE AND METHOD

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PETITION FOR TIME EXTENSION

Sir:

A Response is enclosed.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), please extend the shortened period for response by one (1) month. The extension fee is:

\$ 120.00 (37 CFR 1.17a1)

\$ 65.00 (37 CFR 1.17a1) this
application is entitled to
small entity status)

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed to cover the time extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency of these fees to my deposit account No. 20-1124.

Respectfully submitted,

IN DUPLICATE

Edward J. Timmer (Reg. No. 27 402)

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